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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Gary Abud, Jr., Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

- Ran a staff development workshop for elementary teachers in Rochester Community Schools on using iPads in Education.
- Led an Instructional Best Practices staff development training for the new teachers in my district as part of their orientation.
- Presented to parents at Freshmen Orientation Day about social media and students' digital footprint.
- Led a hands-on workshop on iPads In Education at the St. Clair County RESA Learning Symposium.
- Ran staff workshops on instructional technology for elementary and high school teachers in Grosse Pointe during opening week building professional development.
- Was featured in the Detroit Free Press for a 'back to school' article about me working with new teachers and preparing for the school year.
- Redesigned the science department website at my school.
- Worked with Novi High School to pilot a new chemistry curriculum and standards-based grading program.
- Worked with a teacher in North Carolina on integrating social media in the classroom.
- Worked with a teacher from Warren on a program to get students writing more in the sciences using blogging.
- Consulted a high school in Texas via Google Hangout on integrating social media and blogging into their physics classes.
- Shared numerous instructional and technology strategies from my classroom via my blog with other educators around the world.
- Helped an elementary teacher from Howell develop a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy to pilot with students in his class.

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